

Exhibit 1

TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

PARISH OF JEFFERSON

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CHRIS E. YOUNT

NUMBER: 736-680

VERSUS

DOUGLAS K. HANDSHOE

DIVISION "D"

Proceedings taken in the above
numbered and entitled cause heard in open court on
March 30, 2015, before the Honorable Scott U. Schlegel,
presiding judge.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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CHRIS E. YOUNT (in proper person)

ATTORNEY FOR BOBBY TRUITT:

BOBBY TRUITT

ATTORNEY FOR DOUGLAS K. HANDSHOE AND SLABBED:

CONNIE MONTGOMERY

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

P R O C E E D I N G S

THE CLERK:

Case No. 736-680, "Chris E. Yount
versus Douglas K. Handshoe."

MR. TRUITT:

Good morning, Your Honor, Bobby
Truitt on behalf of myself.

THE COURT:

Good morning.

MR. TRUITT:

Good morning, Judge.

MS. MONTGOMERY:

Connie Montgomery on behalf of Doug
Handshoe and Slabbed.

THE COURT:

Good morning.

MS. LAVIRE:

Good morning, Your Honor. Janette
Lamire (phonetical), student practitioner
on behalf of the Loyola Law Clinic.

THE CLERK:

Please speak into the microphone.

MS. LAMIRE:

Let me repeat it. Good morning, Your
Honor. Janette Lamire on behalf of the
Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic. And Ramona
Fernandez, supervising attorney.

MR. YOUNT:

Chris Yount representing myself.

THE COURT:

Very well. Before we proceed, I want

1 to see, number one, Mr. -- is it YOUNT or
2 YAUNT?

3 MR. YOUNT:

4 YAUNT.

5 THE COURT:

6 Mr. Yount, have you retained Loyola
7 to represent your child in this matter?

8 MR. YOUNT:

9 Judge Molaison has.

10 THE COURT:

11 In a domestic matter. This is a
12 civil suit. Have you retained them to
13 represent your child in this civil suit?

14 MR. YOUNT:

15 No, no.

16 THE COURT: So, my question is, what is the Loyola
17 making an appearance for the child?

18 MS. FERNANDEZ:

19 May I respond to that?

20 THE COURT:

21 Of course. That's why I'm doing this.

22 MS. FERNANDEZ:

23 Your Honor, since we were appointed to
24 represent the interest of the minor
25 child in the domestic matter, and the
26 issue of unsealing the record has come
27 up, that decision, whatever decision
28 you make as to that ruling is -- will
29 affect the interest of the minor
30 child, and therefore, as their attorney, we
31 are present to make sure that the, you
32 know, we make an argument and protect those

1 interests.

2 Additionally, Ms. Montgomery has
3 brought an issue of our representation
4 of the minor child and the child's
5 standing in these proceedings as an
6 issue. And I believe that we have an
7 interest as well in making sure that
8 the child's argument is heard by the
9 Court as well.

10 THE COURT:

11 As to the motion to seal --
12 unseal only.

13 MS. FERNANDEZ:

14 Unseal the record and whether he
15 has standing or not to be before you.

16 THE COURT:

17 The question for the Court is,
18 you were appointed in a domestic matter
19 before Judge Molaison to deal with the
20 minor's interests in a domestic matter,
21 correct?

22 MS. FERNANDEZ:

23 That's correct.

24 THE COURT:

25 Okay. This is a civil suit as it
26 relates to a defamation claim by
27 Mr. Yount, individually and on behalf of
28 the minor child as his tutor.

29 MS. FERNANDEZ:

30 That's correct.

31 THE COURT:

32 Do you-all represent, have enrolled,

1 been retained in any way, shape or form to
2 represent the child in the civil suit for
3 the defamation claim? I understand you're
4 wanting to take a position on the unsealed
5 because it may or may not affect the
6 interests of the child in the domestic
7 matter, but it's -- correct me if I'm
8 wrong -- in the Fifth Circuit you-all
9 filed something and then pulled out of
10 that one, an unsigned.

11 MS. FERNANDEZ:

12 We --

13 THE COURT:

14 I'm just trying to get procedurally.
15 I'm not hearing any arguments.

16 MS. FERNANDEZ:

17 Correct. Correct. In the Fifth
18 Circuit we enrolled as attorney for the
19 child, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT:

21 But then was there not a letter from
22 your -- from Mr. Quigley withdrawing your
23 signature from that?

24 MS. FERNANDEZ:

25 That was withdrawing the signature as
26 to adopting Mr. Yount's brief, but not as
27 a representative of the child. As a
28 representative of the child, we enrolled
29 on his behalf. So --

30 THE COURT:

31 You've not been retained by Mr. Yount
32 in this civil matter, correct?

1 MS. FERNANDEZ:

2 No, we have not.

3 THE COURT:

4 Okay. Thank you.

5 Anything from your side?

6 Again, I'm not hearing -- I'm just
7 trying to find out if I've got the proper
8 people here to hear the motions.

9 MR. TRUITT:

10 The only thing I would add to that,
11 Your Honor, is that I think what
12 Ms. Fernandez has represented to the Court
13 is incorrect. They've actually taken a
14 substantive position in the Fifth Circuit
15 on Mr. Handshoe's dismissal on the 971
16 motion. They filed a brief. They
17 opposed -- or they filed a brief in
18 support of the reversal of this Court's
19 decision on the 971 motion. So I think
20 that Ms. Fernandez has not been completely
21 candid with the Court in terms of they're
22 not just here to protect the child's
23 interests relative to the unsealing of the
24 record. They're here on the defamation
25 suit, and I think that's inappropriate,
26 Judge.

27 THE COURT:

28 Again, I'm trying to find out if
29 you've been retained -- I'll address
30 whether or not I'll let you have, you
31 know, stand there or not. Mr. Yount, you
32 are the natural tutor of the child,

1 correct?

2 MR. YOUNT:

3 Correct.

4 THE COURT:

5 Have you retained these individual
6 lawyers to represent your child in this
7 civil matter?

8 MR. YOUNT:

9 No.

10 THE COURT: Very well. Again, I'm not going to
11 let you sit there at the table. You're
12 more than welcome to give your position on
13 the motion to unseal as it relates to the
14 domestic case. I'm happy to hear from
15 you-all. But as far as the special motion
16 to strike, the motion to determine -- to
17 do the status conference, again, I don't
18 know that you have standing based on
19 Mr. Yount's comment that you don't -- that
20 you-all don't represent the child's
21 interest in this civil suit. Thank you.

22 A couple of other issues that the
23 Court has. Mr. Yount -- again, forgive me
24 if I mispronounce your name.

25 MR. YOUNT:

26 Understood.

27 THE COURT:

28 One, you have called the Court's
29 chambers on a number of occasions. It is
30 inappropriate or improper for my staff to
31 talk to you in any way, shape, or form,
32 other than giving you a date for which